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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR QUARTERLY REPORT OF CATCH AND
EFFORT STATISTICS FOR BIWEEKLY TIME PERIODS IN NORTHWEST
ATLANTIC FISHERIES

BEGIN SUMMARY: U.S. FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS REQUIRE
THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WITH VESSELS OPERATING IN NORTH-
WEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES SUBJECT TO U.S. MANAGEMENT
JURISDICTION REPORT CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS FOR
BIWEEKLY TIME PERIODS FOR 30 MINUTE SQUARE AREAS BY VESSEL
WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER CLOSE OF EACH QUARTER. TO DATE,
QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 1977 HAS
NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM GOS BY NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES
SERVICE (NMFS). EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPRO-
PRIATE GOS OFFICIAL TO EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF THIS REPORT.
END SUMMARY.

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1. UNDER THE FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ON FEBRUARY 11, 1977, FOREIGN GOVERN-
MENTS WITH VESSELS OPERATING IN WATERS SUBJECT TO U.S.
FISHERY MANAGEMENT JURISDICTION ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CERTAIN
FISHING DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICAL REPORTING REQUIRE-
MENTS. IN SUBPART C (ATLANTIC OCEAN) OF THESE REGULATIONS

IT IS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (F) (3) OF SECTIONS 611.50 (HAKES), 611.51 (SQUIDS), 611.52 (ATLANTIC MACKEREL), AND 611.54 (OTHER FINFISH), THAT CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS FOR BIWEEKLY TIME PERIODS FOR 30 MINUTE SQUARE AREAS BE REPORTED BY VESSEL WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER CLOSE OF EACH QUARTER. IT IS FURTHER REQUIRED THAT THESE STATISTICS BE REPORTED USING 30 SQUARE STATLAND 21B FORMS OR MAGNETIC TAPE, COMPUTER CARDS, OR PRINTOUTS FOR ALL SPECIES AND GEAR TYPES.

2. TO DATE THIS QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 1977 HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM GOS BY DIRECTOR, NORTHEAST REGION, NMFS, 14 ELM STREET, GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01930, AS REQUIRED BY ABOVE REGULATIONS.

3. GOS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WAS CONTACTED BY LETTER FROM NMFS ON JULY 19, 1977, CONCERNING REQUEST FOR QUARTERLY REPORT. SUBSEQUENTLY, AGENT FOR SPANISH FISHING FLEET IN NEW YORK, MS. CARMEN VOLOSO, CONTACTED U.S. SCIENTISTS AT WOODS HOLE, MASSACHUSETTS. IN RESPONSE TO AGENT'S REQUEST, DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING SPECIFICS OF DATA SOUGHT WAS MAILED TO AGENT ON AUGUST 9, 1977. TO DATE, HOWEVER, NO REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIAL TO REQUEST HIS ASSISTANCE IN SUBMITTING THIS REPORT.
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4. SINCE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMISSION OF SIMILAR INFORMATION TO INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF), NMFS BELIEVES IT MAY BE USEFUL TO SUGGEST TO APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIAL THAT SUBMISSION OF REPORT MIGHT BE EXPEDITED BY CONTACTING THIS OFFICIAL DIRECTLY:

EL JEFE DE LA SECCION DE ORGANISMOS INTERNACIONALES,
DIRECCION GENERAL DE PESCA MARITIMA,
SUBSECRETARIA DE LA MARINE MERCANTE,
MINISTERIO DE COMERCIO,
RUIZ DE ALARCON 1,
MADRID 14, ESPANA

(FYI) ALTHOUGH DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS DID NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL MARCH 1, 1977, INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (F) (3) OF SECTIONS MENTIONED FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1977 IS

DESIRED BY NMFS FOR CURRENT MANAGEMENT PURPOSES. ACCORDINGLY, ASSISTANCE OF GOS IN PROVIDING THIS

INFORMATION FOR MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1977,
TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS FOR
MARCH 1977, WILL BE APPRECIATED. COOPERATION WITH
UNITED STATES IN CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY
RESOURCES IS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING FOREIGN ALLOCA-
TIONS. NEXT QUARTERLY REPORT WILL BE DUE NO LATER THAN
OCTOBER 1, 1977. VANCE

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